## PRESIDENT'S SPEECH COL. HOUSE'S VISIT HAS CLOSE SOUEFZE

New York Talk on Preparedness Almost Left Out of Eastern Morning Papers.

REACHES OFFICES LATE AFTER UNUSUAL DELAY

Secretary Tumulty Comes to Rescue, and With George C. Boldt

ever delivered by a President of the United States, Mr. Wilson's address be fore the Railway Business Association at the Walderf-Astoria Thursday night, narrowly missed being left out of the newspapers of New York and the newspapers of the east generally, and actually did not reach many western papers until too late for publication. This will be a surprise, probably, to any newspaper reader and no doubt to the President himself, of all Americans sues involved, in having his opinions sent rapidly broadcast over the country. But it was a narrow thing, one of the narrowest squeezes in newspaper

It had been the President's intention to deliver a preparedness address which he had written in Washington two days before he came to New York. Advance copies of this speech were sent to the New York papers by their Washington bureaus. These were handled in the usual way and were set up in type ready for the signal from the reporters covering Mr. Wilson's appearance at the Waldorf that the speech had been delivered as written. had been the President's intention

history-a matter of minutes, seconds

#### Makes a Different Speech.

Suddenly, at the last minute, the reorters at the Waldorf were informed that the President had decided to throw way his prepared speech and to launch out in a new one-one which would be more significant of his stiffened attitude more significant of his stiffened attitude on preparedness and international relations. This was at 8 p.m. Simultaneously the newspaper men were told that a firm of stenographers had been retained by the publicity bureau of the Railway Business Men's Association to take stenographic notes of the extemporaneous address and to transcribe these notes and furnish copies of the speech as rapidly as possible to the waiting reporters.

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This change of plan meant delay, naturally, in the business of rushing the President's speech from the Waldorf to the uptown and Park Row newspaper offices, but it was not looked upon at the moment as serious delay. It meant that the editorial forces and composing rooms would have to speed up a little more than they had expected. The hour was reassuring, since the President arose to speak at 9:35 p.m.

The program carried out up to a certain point. Mr. Wilson began to speak at 9:35 p.m.

The firm of stenographers had kept transcribing the speech in short "takes." They should have had the transcriptions ready to distribute within three-quarters of an hour at the most. But when the working, and asked for copies in a hurry they were told that instructions had been gone over, word for word, by the President's speech had been gone over, word for word, by the President's own stenographer and revised and approved by him.

#### Meant Further Delay.

on lay in the fact that the President's pher had gope from the Waldent to take the President's speech before the Motion Picture Board of Trade, and could not possibly get back to the Waldorf before midnight. That would mean, with the necessary time for revision and minor correction, at least 1 a.m. before the speech could get

st I a.m. before the speech could get the newspapers.

Vhat was to be done? The associa-n press agent was adamant. Mean-nile new gray hairs appeared upon lotters' heads, and in newspaper of-se managing editors and city editors re wondering perhaps if the whole rid had gone crazy. t occurred to one reporter that Jo-ph P. Tumulty, secretary to the Pres-int, never in the world could have ne a party to any arrangement by

ent, never in the world could have en a party to any arrangement by hich his chief's speech would be kept om publication because of sheer roune and red tape. The reporter, after ome difficulty, got Mr. Tumulty on the hone at the Hotel Biltmore. Mr. Tumulty was appalled. That is the only ord that describes his state of mind. "For heaven's sake!" he shouted over he phone. "Get somebody here that hose people up in room 129 will pay ttention to. Not get the President's peech in the morning papers! Great ord!"

#### Mr. Boldt to the Rescue.

The best man who could have been shed for to meet the emergency, orge C. Boldt, proprietor of the Waldeorge C. Boldt, proprietor of the Waldorf, happened at that moment to walk past the telephone booth. The situation was breathlessly put to him. He didn't stop to ask questions. Probably that's why he has the Waldorf. He jumped into the booth, caught three words from Mr. Tumulty, jumped out again and led the way up to room 129, with all the reporters in the world trailing him. Guests of the Waldorf looked on in astonishment. Flinging open the door, Mr. Boldt said, succinctly:

"You will give these gentlemen of the press the speech they are waiting for."

"Impossible," he was told. "It is against orders."

"I am asked by the President's secretary to instruct you to surrender the speech," said Mr. Boldt.

Somebody started to say "Impossible!" and then Mr. Boldt took a step forward, fire in his eye.

"I tell you," he said, "you will deliver that speech now, instantly. Do you hear me?"

#### Civil Service Examinations.

The United States civil service comon has announced the following zaminations: March 7, mechanical aftsman, Frankford arsenal, Philaelphia, at a salary of \$1,529 a year; griculturist in extension work, Desertment of Agriculture, \$1,800 to 2,750 a year.

Miss Ethel E. Harper Dead. Baltimore of Miss Ethel E. Harper. nty years old, daughter of Mr. and Thomas D. Harper, formerly of city. Funeral services were held morning, and interment was in a Ridge cemetery, Baltimore.

France Frees American Cotton. ENE, via Paris, January 81. - The th government, after long negotiahas released 16,000 bales of cotton that had been stored Havre and Boulogne and which de not be forwarded on account of war. There is great need in Switz-ad for cotton, some of the mills al-iy having suspended work.

BERLIN, January 30, via London

anuary 31.-Col. Edward M. House

President Wilson's personal represent

ative, has left Berlin for Paris and

London by way of Switzerland. Prior

to his departure, though declining to

the results of his mission, Col. House

said he was very glad he had come to

Berlin, and added that the conversa

tions which he had had with leading

German statesmen and prominent mer

had been most profitable and would

undoubtedly lead to a clarification of

it was to be doubted whether any def-

No New Facts Uncovered.

His visit, which was chiefly for in-

ormative purposes, can scarcely be

said to have brought him any novel or

unexpected light on the German situa-

pears, are well understood in Wash

Col. House will, therefore, it is be-

lieved, convey to the President nothing

startlingly new upon the German sit-

Probably Have Clear View.

It is presumed that the German lead-

ers now have a clearer comprehensio

of the limits and intents of President

idea he has for a working arrange-

Chancellor Enjoyed Visit.

visit and regretted that the colonel's

American embassy, remaining in conver-sation with Col. House and Ambassador Gerard until nearly 4 o'clock in the after-

expected therefrom.

German-American relations, although

in private life, and particularly his

nferences wth Ambassador Gerard

Officials Express Gratification Six Reported Killed in Attack by the Germans Last at Mission of President's Night. Representative.

> FRENCH AVIATORS GIVE BATTLE TO THE TEUTONS

be quoted with any particularity on Kaiser's Flier Escapes After Machine Gun Fight, Which Lasts More Than an Hour.

PARIS, January 31, 6 a.m.—Several bombs were dropped by the Zeppelin which flew over the outskirts of Paris last night, but they produced no such deadly effect as on the occasion of the raid of Saturday night. Unofficial reports inite tangible developments could be state six men killed.

The official press bureau gave out a statement this morning in which no mention was made of any deaths or in-

The statement follows: "A German dirigible set out in the direction of Paris, where it arrived soon after 10 p.m. It was bombarded northward it dropped a number of bombs, which, according to the news received so far, did no damage."

uation and the attitude of the government in its various branches, but a mass of detailed information worked into shape in his long discussions with Ambassador Gerard.

In the same way it may be said that Col. House, upon whom interviews with several of Germany's leading statesmen left a most agreeable impression, will report to the President on the attitude these statesmen have taken toward America—an attitude which has been described as one of friendliness and a desire to avoid any complications with the United States so far as compatible with Germany's vital interests and internal harmany.

The Matin says that it has received so far, did no damage."

Representatives of the Matin who visited the scene of the raid say that no damage was done by the bombs. Three of them fell on a piece of waste ground and three others in a field. A police in spector saw the three which fell in the field. They did not sink deep in the soil. They were covered with a cottonlike substance, which burst into flame. The inspector characterized them as incendiary bombs. Little was seen of the Zeppelin on account of the weather conditions.

Got Bid of All Its Bombs.

compatible with Germany's vital interests and internal harmony—and he will
be able to support and supplement Ambassador Gerard's reports by personal
declarations made with the foreknowledge that they will go direct to the
President.

The Matin says that it has received
information from the postmaster of one
of the places over which the Zeppelin passed that a number of bombs
were dropped together. The inference is drawn that the Germans, seeing themselves threatened by French aeroplanes, decided to loose all their bombs

The censors permitted foreign cor-respondents to telegraph whatever de-tails they could obtain, but the Paris morning papers have many blank Wilson's policy, and particularly of the ment, harmonizing as far as possible with the interests of neutrals and the two belligerent groups.

It is interesting to note that many

spaces. St was at 9:45 o'clock last night that an alarm was given of the approach of a Zeppelin in the direction of Paris. In a few minutes the city was plunged in a few minutes the city was plunged in th It is interesting to note that many Germans, especially those interested in foreign affairs, are seeking enlightenment from all possible sources in an endeavor to figure out which group President Wilson had in mind in the reference in his recent speech to the uncertainty of the international relations of the United States tomorrow. Gottlieb von Jagow, secretary of foreign affairs, whom the Associated Press correspondent saw for a few moments in the midst of a busy day, said he was impressed with Col. House's sympathetic manner and charm, and his friendly feeling for Germany, but excused himself from commenting on the results of the visit, on the ground that the colonel was the bearer of a confidential mission from the President.

#### French Airmen Give Battle.

Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, Five French aeroplanes gave battle the German imperial chancellor, it was to the Zeppelin Saturday night, but the learned, also enjoyed and appreciated the German raider got away despite the damage it sustained. During the Satbrief stay did not afford him opportunity urday night raid twenty-four Parisians to accept the invitations of personal hos- were killed and twenty-seven injured. pitality which the chancellor and the The first to attack the German raider foreign secretary had hoped to extend. was a machine piloted by a sergeant The final interview of Col. House, who received among others Deputy Heckscher, a director of the Hamburg-American steamship line, was held with Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, the under secretary of foreign affairs, who lunched at the American embassy. remaining in converwho was occupied in patrolling the upper air. He pursued with savage energy, the statement says, but soon exhausted his stock of cartridges and was obliged to abandon his pursuit. One of two machines, which were armed with cannon had, however, by this time managed to climb up high enough and opened an intense fire on the Zeppelin, which probably was hit but not badly damaged.

The President's representative thereafter closeted himself with the ambassador, the two working almost uninterruptedly until the colonel's departure at 9 o'clock in the evening, upon reports to be forwarded to Washington. Secretary Winslow of the embassy accompanied the House party across the Swiss frontier.

Court Takes Recess Until Feb. 21.

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the sublicutenant was obliged to de-

#### Press Demands Reprisals. The press is unanimous in demanding reprisals for the two Zeppelin raids on Paris, and also calls for greater effi-

dency in the aerial defenses of the "It is not enough to be indignant at such tactics, which dishonor war it-self," says the Matin. "Public sentiment expects something else. It de-sires reprisals—immediate and exem-plary reprisals."

plary reprisals."
Stephen Pichon, former foreign minister, says in the Petit Journal: "The people of Paris will preserve their calm, but will not spare any persons who may have been guilty, through negligence in capacity or lack of foresight, of not employing that mastery of the air over the enemy which the people had been led to believe France possesses."

sesses."

Alfred Capus, the dramatist, says in the Figaro: "Paris is entitled to a striking revenge in the near future. One cannot doubt our air service is able

Held Up by British Patrol. NEW YORK, January 31 .- The steamhip Noordam, which was forced to put into St. Johns, N. F., for coal, has ar- son for final approval, rived here, and reported having been held up twenty-four hours in the Downs by the British patrol, which re-

Jury to Determine Cause of Death. DULUTH, Minn., January 31, -Whether John M. Alpine, millionaire lumber man, shot himself accidentally, committed suicide or was murdered will be settled by a jury which is hearing the suit to collect on a \$24,000 accident insurance policy.

moved all of the mail on the liner.

Measure Was Framed by Administration Leaders and Submitted to President.

The new administration shipping bill which Chairman Alexander of the House merchant marine committee introduced in the House today was awaited with much interest in Congress.

The measure is designed to take the place of the one which failed of passage in the Senate last year, after a long and bitter fight. It was framed by administration leaders in and out of Congress, and went to President Wil-

Striking Differences Revealed. Details of the new bill, as made publie by Chairman Alexander, reveal striking differences between it and the old measure. The new bill contains a modification of the government operation feature and broadens the powers of the shipping board which it would

furisdiction over all deep water traf-fic similar to that exercised over rail-roads by the interstate commerce com-nission.

Initial Appropriation, \$50,000,000. The bill calls for an initial appropriaease of vessels, to be obtained by the sale of Panama canal bonds, and deigned for use as naval auxiliaries, and the appointment of the shipping board of five members, of which the Secretaries of the Navy and Commerce would be ex-officio members. The others would be "men of large practical experience" in foreign commerce and would be appointed by the President at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Committee to Give Hearings. Following its introduction, the bill goes to the merchant marine commitee, where hearings on it will begin in a few days. President Wilson will be

mong those asked to testify. Prospects for the passage of the bill are considered bright by administration leaders, as it has been revised to meet the views of dissenting democrats.

#### RATED LOWEST ON RECORD.

Official Figures of Irish Emigration in the Year 1915.

DUBLIN, January 31.—Officials figures of Irish emigration for 1915 are the lowest on record. Excluding the emigrants-about 3,000-to Great Britain, most of whom went there for work in the munition factories, the total numcreate. Government operation, under the new measure, would be entered into only in the event private subscriptions are lacking.

The shipping board would be given the munition factories, the total number of emigrants from Ireland to all parts of the world was just over 8,000. The yearly average for the last fifteen years was more than 34,000. parts of the world was just over 8,000.

Hotel to Cost \$9,000,000.

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10c packages ......8c 1 lb. Mule Team Borax . . . . 10c Old Dutch Cleanser ...... 8c Spotless Cleanser \_\_\_\_ 4c Bon Ami .....8c Red Seal Lye .....4c 

Fels-Naptha Soap ......4c

Fels Soap Powder ..... 4c

Star Soap .....4c

5c packages .....4c

All 20c Cans..... 15c Washington Crisps ......8c

Gold Medal Buckwheat....8c | Pure Maple Syrup, pint.....24c Gold Medal Pancake . . . . . 8c Post Toasties .......8c Aunt Jemima Pancake ....8c Sanitary Corn Flakes .... 71/2c Aunt Jemima Buckwheat...8c Quaker Oats ........8c Sanitary Oats .... 71/2c Shredded Wheat ......12c 

No. 3 cans Tomatoes, can.....9c Vegetables for Soup .....9c Silver Label Peas ......8c Red Clover Pumpkin .....12c Sauerkraut, No. 3 can................8c Red Clover Lima Beans, No. 1 can . . . . . . . . . . 10c Spring Garden Succotash.....9c Spinach, No. 3 can .....9c Superior Beets, can.....10c 

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Pet Milk, tall .....8c Pet Milk, small .....4c
Peerless Milk, tall .....8c Peerless Milk, small ....4c Cocoa-

Hershey's, 1-5 lb ...... 7c Hershey's, 1-2 lb.......15c Walter Baker's, 1-5 lb.. 9c

Walter Baker's, 1-2 lb ... 18c Chocolate-Walter Baker's, 1-4 lb ... 9c

Walter Baker's, 1-2 lb...18c String Beans--Canned

Schriver's, cut, can ..... 8c Schriver's, ext, std, can ... 10c Schriver's, select, can ... . 12½c Schriver's, A1 can ... . . . . 15c